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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: **Rodriguez et al.**Serial No.: **09/717,521**Filed: **November 21, 2000**For: **Electronic Key System,
Apparatus and Method**§
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§Group Art Unit: **2635**Examiner: **Brown, Vernal U.**Attorney Docket No.: **AUS9-2000-0560-US1****Certificate of Transmission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**

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In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Listing of Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

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